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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: |) |
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| Richard A. ESSER |) Group Art Unit: 3727 |
| Application No.: 09/689,615 |) Examiner: Castellano, S. |
| Filed: October 13, 2000 |) |
| For: RAPID DEPLOY HAZMAT CONTAINMENT DEVICE | RECEIVED OCT 1 5 2002 |
| Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231 | TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700 |
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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated April 11, 2002, the period for reply having been extended three months to October 11, 2002, by a request for extension of time and fee filed herewith, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 13, and 20, as follows:

1. (Three Times Amended) A rapid deploy containment device adapted to receive and retain hazardous waste, the containment device being convertible between an erect open configuration and a collapsed compact configuration, the containment device in the erect open configuration forming a receptacle region, the containment 10/11/2002 GGEBREGI 00000014 09689615 device comprising:

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